

or when accompanied by a competent person in a boat.

- Swimming more than 150 feet from the shore between sunset and sunrise is not allowed.

Snorkel/Skin/Scuba Diving Limitations

- Persons participating in scuba diving, snorkeling or underwater spear fishing beyond 150 feet from shore must display a diver's flag.

Fishing - Size and Daily Limits

Species	Season	Minimum Length	Daily Limit
Bass	**	14 inches	5 in total
Northern Pike	**	26 inches	2 in total
Bluegill, sunfish, crappie, perch	All Year	None	25 in total
Walleye	**	15 inches	5 in total
Bullhead, rough fish, rock bass	All Year	None	None

** 1st Saturday in May to 1st Sunday in March

Littering

- It is illegal to dump refuse, garbage, or plastics into or on the water, ice, shore, or upon public or private property.

Reporting Violations

- Violations to these rules and regulations can be reported to the Jefferson County Sheriff Department at 920-674-7310 or the DNR at 1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367) or #367 from your cell phone (free for US Cellular customers).
- To email a report of violation not in progress: le.hotline@wisconsin.gov.
- Include the following items when reporting a violation: boat certificate of number, violation, location, and time and date of incident.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Rock Lake currently has the following invasive species: Chinese mystery snail, banded mystery snail, curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian water milfoil, rusty crayfish, yellow iris, and zebra mussels.

Aquatic Invasive Species Laws

- It is illegal to launch or place a vehicle, boat, boat trailer, equipment or gear into the water if an aquatic plant or animal is attached.
- It is illegal to transport on a public highway a vehicle, boat, boat trailer, equipment or gear, if an aquatic plant or animal is attached.
- It is illegal to use a live prohibited fish invasive species or live non-native crayfish as fishing bait.

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Steps

- It is the Law:

- INSPECT your boat, trailer, and equipment.
- REMOVE all attached aquatic plants, animals, and mud before launching and before leaving the water access.
- DRAIN all water from boat, motor, bilge, live wells, bait containers and all equipment before leaving the water access.
- NEVER MOVE plants or live fish away from a waterbody.
- DISPOSE of unwanted bait and other animals and aquatic plants in the trash.
- BUY minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer.
- Use leftover minnows only under certain conditions: You may take leftover minnows away from any water and use them again on that same water. You may use leftover minnows on other waters only if no lake or river water or other fish were added to the container.

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ROCK LAKE

Recreational Rules



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Rock Lake Recreational Rules (updated August 2016)

Many people enjoy Rock Lake because of its good water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat. Several state and local rules govern its use to help ensure the safety of citizens and to protect Rock Lake's quality into the future. This pamphlet lists some of the rules applying to recreational activities in Rock Lake. It is important to note that violation of these rules can result in fines and enforcement actions. The rules included here are not a complete list, and are subject to change. Please contact the appropriate government official for further details. State boating and fishing regulations can be found on the DNR website: <http://dnr.wi.gov>

Boat Launches

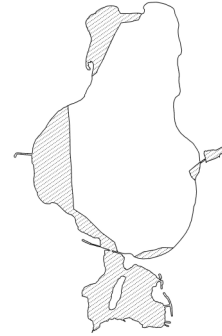
- The launch fee must be paid to use the Town boat launches from May 1 through September 30.
- The launch fee must be paid to launch or remove watercraft at the City boat launches throughout the year.
- The launch permit must be displayed on the front windshield of the launching vehicle.

Slow-No-Wake Times and Areas

Slow-No-Wake – the slowest possible speed so as to maintain steerage control.

- Boats must operate at slow-no-wake between sunset and sunrise.
- Buoyed restricted areas and ecologically significant areas are slow-no-wake at all times and include the Mill Pond, Korth Bay (from White Oak Drive in the north to just north of the Elm Point boat launch), Schultz Bay (from the east side of Rock Lake Park to the south side of Ferry Park), and Marsh Lake. Please see map.
- Boats must operate at slow-no-wake speed within 100 feet of shore, piers, docks, rafts, and buoyed restricted areas.

Slow-no-wake areas
in Rock Lake



- Personal watercraft must be operated at slow-no-wake speed within:
 - 100 feet of any other vessel
 - 100 feet of a pier, dock, raft, or buoyed restricted areas
 - 200 feet of shore

Water Skiing, Tubing, Aquaplaning, etc.

- Water skiing, tubing, aquaplaning, and similar activities are not allowed between 7:00 pm and 10:00 am.
- A Coast Guard approved life preserver must be worn when water skiing, tubing, aquaplaning, or similar activity.
- When a vessel is towing a person on waterskis or other device, the operator must have a competent person on board to act as an observer.
- Vessels involved in towing may not come within 100 feet of other vessels, buoy-marked swimming areas, or public boat landings.

Personal Watercraft

- Personal watercraft may not be operated between sunset and sunrise.

Age Restrictions – Motorboats

- A person under 10 years of age may not operate a motorboat.
- Persons 10 or 11 years old may operate a motorboat only if accompanied by an adult.
- Persons 12-15 years old may operate a motorboat under either of the following two conditions:
 - they are accompanied by a parent, guardian, or a

person at least 18 years old who is designated by the parent or guardian

- they have successfully completed a DNR-accepted boating safety course
- Persons 16 years old and older and born on or after 01/01/89 may operate a motorboat only if they have completed a DNR-accepted boating safety course.

Age Restrictions – Personal Watercraft

- A person under 12 years of age may not operate a personal watercraft.
- A person born on or after 1/1/89 and at least 12 years old may operate a personal watercraft only if they have successfully completed a DNR-accepted boating safety course.

Other Boating Rules

- Vessels should always be operated at speeds which allow for adequate time and distance required to stop or avoid an accident.
- It is illegal to operate a motorboat or manipulate water skis or similar device while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Motorboats and personal watercraft must be operated in a responsible manner. Maneuvers that endanger people or property are prohibited.
- Vessels must not operate closer than 100 feet from any diver's flag or any swimmer unless the vessel is part of the diving operation or is assisting the swimmer.
- Navigation lights must be on from sunset to sunrise, and during periods of restricted visibility.
- The following must be authorized by the Lake Mills Town Board: boat race, regatta, water ski meet, or other water sporting event or exhibition.

Swimming

- Swimming from an unoccupied boat is not allowed.
- Swimming more than 150 feet from the shore is not allowed unless in a designated swimming zone